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1. TENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

ORGANIZATION OF ARAB AIRLINES (AACO) ENDED IN TUNIS ON MAY 4, 1974. AFTER CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY 15 ARAB AIRLINES, AACO SEC GEN SALIM ALI SALEM ANNOUNCED THAT AACO CONDEMNED ALL ACTS WHICH WOULD PUT LIVES OF AIRLINE PASSENGERS IN DANGER IRRESPECTIVE OF MOTIVES.

2. SALIM ALI SALEM ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT ARAB AIRLINES PRESENT RECOMMENDED TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS THAT THEY ADHERE TO AIRLINE CONVENTIONS OF TOKYO, MONTREAL AND THE HAGUE WHICH INTER ALIA PROHIBIT ATTACKS AGAINST CIVIL AIRCRAFT.

3. OTHER MAJOR DECISIONS AS REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS WERE:

A. NINE AIRLINES PRESENT ADOPTED DECISION ADVOCATING TOTAL FREEDOM OF OPERATION FOR INTER ARAB TRAFFIC BY ARAB AIRLINES BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY "WITHOUT RESERVE OR CONDITION". IMPLEMENTATION WOULD REQUIRE APPROVAL OF INDIVIDUAL ARAB GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

B. EIGHT COMPANIES DECIDED TO STUDY CREATION OF LONG DISTANCE FLIGHTS OPERATED JOINTLY BY SEVERAL ARAB AIRLINES TO NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA, JAPAN AND ELSEWHERE. SPECIAL COMMITTEE IS TO COMPLETE REPORT ON THIS POSSIBILITY WITHIN 6 MONTHS.

C. AACO AGREED TO CREATE ANOTHER COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING AIRLINE TARIFFS BETWEEN ARAB COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY FOR JOURNALISTS.

4. AACO ELECTED ABDELAZIZ ZENAI, PRESIDENT OF TUNIS AIR, AS PRESIDENT OF AACO UNTIL THE NEXT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN ALGIERS DURING THE LATTER HALF OF MAY 1975. AACO WILL ALSO HOLD MEETING AT TIME OF IATA CONGRESS IN MONTREAL.
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